



## BECOMING A MEMBER OF VTDDC

*The mission of VTDDC is to facilitate connections and to promote supports that bring people with developmental disabilities into the heart of Vermont Communities.*

THE VERMONT DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES COUNCIL is a state-wide Board. Members work together to increase public awareness about critical issues affecting people with developmental disabilities and their families, and to encourage systems change. 13 of VTDDC's 21 members (62%) are people with developmental disabilities and family members who are appointed by the Governor for three-year terms.

VTDDC receives approximately \$460,000 each year in federal funds that are used to create positive change for those with developmental disabilities. Members play a key role in letting VTDDC know what is happening for those with developmental disabilities throughout Vermont, and in deciding how to use funds to have the greatest impact in people's lives. Members are expected to attend four day-long meetings each year, and to be active participants on a committee or work group. They may receive stipends and are reimbursed for expenses needed to attend.

VTDDC funds public education, leadership training, and advocacy projects aimed at enhancing individual and family-centered supports and services. For example, VTDDC funds Green Mountain Self-Advocates to expand local chapters throughout Vermont. It funded the videos "Living the Autism Maze" and "Your Bill of Rights," and the brochure "Choosing Words with Dignity." If you haven't heard of VTDDC, you might have heard of our Executive Committee Fund, which helps self-advocates and family members attend conferences and trainings.

Call us at 1- 802-241-2612 or toll-free at 1-888-317-2006 for more information, a brochure and application materials. You can also check our web-site at [www.ddc.vermont.gov](http://www.ddc.vermont.gov)

**Vermont Developmental Disabilities VTDDC**  
**103 South Main Street - North Building Room 117**  
**Waterbury, Vermont 05671-0206**  
**(888) 317-2006; (802) 241-2612**

**MEMBER APPLICATION FOR GUBERNATORIAL APPOINTMENT**

Name\_\_\_\_\_Date of Birth\_\_\_\_\_

Town of Residence\_\_\_\_\_Year Round Resident?\_\_\_\_\_

Occupation\_\_\_\_\_

Home Mailing Address\_\_\_\_\_

Business Address\_\_\_\_\_

Phone (work) \_\_\_\_\_(home)\_\_\_\_\_(fax)\_\_\_\_\_e-mail\_\_\_\_\_

**\*\* Developmental Disability Definition:** A severe, often lifelong disability that affects people before they reach age 22 and substantially limits functioning ability in three or more life activities such as self-care, receptive and expressive language, learning, mobility, self-direction, independent living, and employability.

Please check the category that fits you:

☐ I am a person with a developmental disability. \*\*

Please describe your disability: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ I am a ☐ family member, or ☐ guardian of

☐ adult or a ☐ child with a developmental disability\*\*

Please describe your relationship. \_\_\_\_\_

Please describe the disability. \_\_\_\_\_

My connection with the developmental disability community is

\_\_\_\_\_  
[Examples: direct service provider, advocate, employee of a specific organization]

Please let us know more about your connection to the developmental disability community by answering these questions, and adding any other information you think would be helpful.

**\*\* Describe your involvement with people who have developmental disabilities.**  
[For example: personal experience, other organizations you are active in, etc.]

**\*\* Please explain why you are interested in serving on the VTDDC.**

Please add anything else you think we should know.

You may attach a resume or any other documents that you'd like the VTDDC to consider.

Can you attend daytime meetings? \_\_\_\_\_

Can you spend time going over materials in preparation for meeting? \_\_\_\_\_

Please list three people unrelated to you who would support your appointment:

Name

Phone Number

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Have you ever been elected or appointed to public office (including other boards/commissions) in Vermont? If yes, please list and include dates:

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Have you ever been arrested, charged, or indicted for violation of any federal, state, county, or municipal law, regulation, or ordinance (exclude traffic violations for which a fine or civil penalty of \$150 or less was paid) Yes\_\_\_\_\_ No\_\_\_\_\_

If yes, please give details. \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby authorize that my criminal record history and tax records be released to the Governor or the Governor's representative and certify that the information provided in this application is true, correct and complete to the best of my knowledge.

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Signature

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Date

Please note that finalists may be asked to complete more questions for presentation to the Governor's Office as part of the appointment process.

Thank you for your interest!

*Please mail the application to:*

*VTDDC*

*103 S. Main St. North One Room #117*

*Waterbury, VT 05671-0206*

**For information about completing the application  
just call us at 802-241-2612 or toll-free 888-317-2006.**